

## New Per Diem Rates for FY 2020 Published

The General Services Administration in Washington, DC announced the federal per diem rates for FY 2020. These rates will go into effect on Oct. 1, 2019. For FY 2020, the standard lodging rate (CONUS) is increasing to \$96 per night, continuing the trend upward from the previous rates of \$94 in 2019, \$93 in 2018, \$91 in 2017, \$89 in 2016, and \$83 in 2015.

Ohio has 10 "Primary Destination" areas with rates higher than the national standard rate. There are 322 such areas nationwide. 7 of Ohio's destination areas received an increase, 1 saw a decrease. The Cleveland destination has a significant increase as it works back to the former high rate impacted after RNC.

Medina County will move into the Standard Rate (CONUS) beginning on Oct. 1, 2020. Media was previously in the combined Medina/Wooster destination. The Sandusky and Canton regions continue with a higher summer rate for peak months.

There were no changes to "Meal and Incidental Expense" rates for FY 2020.

## Impact Congress Together - Join OHLA, AHLA and AAHOA in Washington, DC

The 2019 AHLA-AAHOA Legislative Action Summit (LAS) will be held Sept. 10-11 at the Capitol Hilton and in legislative offices on Capitol Hill in Washington. This event includes briefings from top policymakers, discussion of legislation and regulations affecting hotel & lodging businesses, and group visits with lawmakers and their key staff.

LAS is a unique opportunity to join together with hundreds of your colleagues to meet congressional representatives from your home state, share your story, discuss the importance of our industry, and educate Congress on important issues. Whether you work the front desk, manage a property, are a brand executive or hotel industry supplier, LAS is for you!

At this year's Summit, we'll be focusing on the following topics:

- Technology related issues such as online booking scams and consumer protection
- Travel issues including the protection and reauthorization for Brand USA
- Issues related to illegal short-term rentals
- The hotel industry's campaign to combat human trafficking and related legislation

Each year, OHLA also hosts a special dinner for our members as our guests at one of DC's best establishments.

OHLA members are eligible to attend LAS for little or no cost by applying for scholarship/stipend support directly from OHLA! If you would like to attend, contact [joe@ohla.org](mailto:joe@ohla.org) to access this valuable financial support. You can participate in LAS with just a one-night stay. Roundtrip non-stop flights were available from Ohio destinations for less than \$200.

You can register directly on the event page at [www.ahla.com/las](http://www.ahla.com/las)



**FY 2020 FEDERAL PER DIEM RATES**  
(effective Oct. 1, 2019)

**WITH FY 2019 COMPARISON**

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PRIMARY DESTINATION	COUNTIES	2019 MAX LODGING RATE	NEW	2019 MEALS & INCIDENTAL EXPENSES	NEW
			2020 MAX LODGING RATE		2020 MEALS & INCIDENTAL EXPENSES
Standard Rate (CONUS)	Applies for all locations without specified rates	94	96	55	55
Akron	Summit	102	100	56	56
Canton	Stark	94/107*	96/105*	56	56
Cincinnati	Hamilton & Clermont	142	143	76	76
Cleveland	Cuyahoga	131	135	66	66
Columbus	Franklin	122	122	61	61
Dayton / Fairborn	Greene & Montgomery	103	106	56	56
Hamilton	Butler & Warren	113	114	56	56
Wooster	Wayne	111	111	56	56
Mentor	Lake	105	108	56	56
Sandusky	Erie	102/120*	104/122**	56	56
Medina	Medina	<b>Now at Standard Rate (CONUS) beginning Oct. 1, 2019</b>			

\*Canton: \$107 for Jul., Aug.  
\*\*Sandusky: \$120 for Jun., Jul., Aug.

Most up-to-date information is always at: [www.ahla.com/las](http://www.ahla.com/las)  
Links to register and to reserve rooms at event hotel on that web page  
**Scholarships/stipends available from OHLA:** email [joe@ohla.org](mailto:joe@ohla.org)



## 2019 LEGISLATIVE ACTION SUMMIT

**September 10-11, 2019**

**Capital Hilton**

**1001 16th St NW Washington, D.C.**

Registration: \$225

Room Rate: \$345

Sample RT non-stop airfare (from Cols. as of 7/26): \$183.96

### Your Hotel, Your Voice, Your Day on the Hill

*The hotel industry is coming together on Capitol Hill and you're invited!*

Each year The American Hotel and Lodging Association (AHLA) and the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA) unite the hotel industry to show lawmakers the strength of our industry in what could be your most important meeting of the year.

LAS is a unique opportunity to join together with hundreds of your colleagues to meet congressional representatives from your home state, share your story, the story of our industry, and educate Congress on the important issues affecting the hotel and lodging business. Whether you work the front desk, manage a property, are a brand executive or hotel industry supplier, LAS is for you!

During the course of two days you will learn about the latest developments on the most pressing issues that are impacting hoteliers. From career development initiatives to the reauthorization of Brand USA to protecting consumers from online booking scams, you will educate your elected officials on Capitol Hill on this issues that impact our industry, our workforce and your bottom line.

We need your help to make these issues front and center with Congress. Join us to get the inside scoop from AHLA's government affairs team, Members of Congress and other industry experts. You will also learn how to effectively discuss these issues and have the opportunity to build a relationship with your Member of Congress.

Don't miss this incredible experience in the heart of the nation's capital!

### Agenda

Tuesday, Sept. 10

11:00 am - 12:30 pm **AHLA HotelPAC Lunch** (optional/only for contributors to AHLA's HotelPAC)

11:00 am - 6:00 pm **Registration open**

1:00 - 5:00 pm **General Session** – issue briefings, speakers, information

5:00 - 7:00 pm **Networking Reception**

7:00 pm **Ohio Delegation Dinner hosted by OHLA**

Wednesday, Sept. 11

7:00 - 9:00 am **Registration open**

7:30 - 9:30 am **Shuttle Service to Capitol Hill**

7:45 - 8:30 am **Breakfast General Session** – meeting guidance and instructions

9:00 am - 5:00 pm **Congressional Appointments** (set by AHLA/OHLA)